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SUBJECT: CUBAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS AUG 26, 1978

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1. CUBAN AMBASSADOR BUENAVENTURA REYES ACOST, WHO ARRIVED IN ADDIS ABABA ON AUG 2, PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS ON AUG 26 TO THE CHIEF OF STATE, PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) CHAIRMAN LT. COL. MENGISTU. ON THE SAME DAY IN SEPARATE CEREMONIES FIVE OTHER AMBASSADORS PRESENTED CREDENTIALS (ALGERIA, IVORY COAST, TURKEY, SOUTH KOREA AND MEXICO) AND ONE AMBASSADOR (PDRY) PAID A FAREWELL CALL ON MENGISTU.

2. THE PRESS REPORTED THAT MENGISTU TOLD REYES ACOSTA THAT THE WARM FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND TIES BETWEEN CUBA AND ETHIOPIA ARE BASED ON A COMMON IDEOLOGY, INTERTWINED IN BLOOD, TRIED IN CLASS STRUGGLE AND ARE BASED ON THEIR COMMON, RELENTLESS
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STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM. MENGISTU ALSO AFFIRMED HIS CONVICTION THAT THE TWO REVOLUTIONARY COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE FOR MUTUAL PROGRESS IN LINE WITH THEIR BASIC ASPIRATIONS AND IDENTICAL GOALS. THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS WERE NOT REPORTED.
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3. WE DO NOT READ ANY SPECIAL POLITICAL SIGNIFI-
CANCE INTO THE 24 DAY DELAY BETWEEN REYES ACOST'S
ARRIVAL AND HIS PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. DE-
LAY FOLLOWED BY MULTIPLE PRESENTATIONS ON THE SAME
DAY ARE TRADITIONAL HERE. ETHIOPIANS COULD, OF
COURSE, HAVE SPEEDED THINGS UP TO SHOW SPECIAL
ESTEEM FOR CUBA. THE FACT THEY THEY DID NOT MAY
SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE APPEAR MORE SIGNIFICANT
THAN IT DOES AT THE MOMENT.
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